

Other Document Form

Number

1353

Title EMAIL DJ GROCOTT TO JSOPT WILLIAMS RE A TOXICOLOGIST,

(Include source and any document number if relevant)

Receivers instructions urgent action Yes / No _____

Document registered / indexed as indicated

No(s) of actions raised

Statement readers instructions

Indexed as indicated

No(s) of actions raised

Examined - further action to be taken

Further actions no(s)

When satisfied all action raised Office Manager to endorse other Document Master Number Form.

Code A			
		O/M	SIO
		Indexer	

Code A

From: Williams, David M
Sent: 19 December 2005 15:19
To: Grocott, David
Cc: Niven, Nigel; **Code A**
Subject: RE: Toxicologist

Dave Agreed thank you.. I will commit this to a policy entry..DW.

From: Grocott, David
Sent: 19 December 2005 11:40
To: Williams, David M; Niven, Nigel; Stephenson, Roy
Cc: Grocott, David
Subject: Toxicologist

Sir,

I've spoken at length today to Dr Stephen Elliott an eminent toxicologist regarding our case. In short he states that a toxicologist is not going to assist us in our enquiry. In his experience toxicologists don't work well in the courtroom in these kind of cases as they are invariably asked "*what is your specific experience in prescribing these kind of drugs to individuals*". The answer being "none" tends to undermine their position.

He recommends that we utilise the skills of a medical practitioner skilled in the area of toxicology who can represent both views. He suggested both Robin Ferner and Bob Forrest. Having then explained to him why we can't use either he recommended that if we need someone then we should possibly seek the services of a forensic pharmacologist.

I have given this some thought and it might work in a considered approach. We have the reports from our experts who state that the various doses are inappropriate. We have just raised the actions to visit the companies who licensed the drugs to establish what the recommended protocols are for the prescription and administration of the drugs.

Once we have this material we could then seek to utilise the services of a pharmacist to comment on

- A) the level of drug administered set against the licensed recommendations
- B) the outcome of such a dose on the individual case
- C) the relevance of the Wessex protocol and the effect of not following the guidelines

Your views

Dave